RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I have not got the information at present.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): With reference to part (*c*), my question was whether copies of the Malayala Rajyam and Manorama were used to be laid on the table of the Library, and, if so, the date from which that practice was stopped? Certainly, Sir, the rules of the Library do not contain this information.

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I have already stated, Sir, that no paper was regularly being placed on the table of the Library. Sometimes some spare copies of the Malayala Rajyam and Manorama might have been placed on the table of the Library. There was no regular practice of laying on the table of the library copies of any newspaper.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know whether it was not the practice till very recently to place copies of both the Malayala Rajyam and Manorama on the table of the Library?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) I do not think so.

A boat-basin and crane at Arattukadavu.

215. *MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether a memorial has been received by the Chief Engineer from the people of Mavelikara for the construction of a boat-basin and crane at Arattukadavu: and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the steps taken on the same?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): (*a*) Yes, for a boat-basin only.

(*b*) The Chief Engineer considers that the construction of a boat-basin at the place is impracticable as the site is in direct line of the river flow during monsoon and would endanger the bund.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know whether a boat-basin could not be constructed on the western side where there is no river flow?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): I do not know.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): My question is whether a memorial has been received from the people of Mavelikara for the construction of a boat-basin near Arattukadavu, which extends over a fairly long line.

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): When I met a representative of the people there, it was represented to me that a boat-basin must be constructed at the particular spot now referred to in my answer. I find that the construction of a boat-basin at that spot is impracticable.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Will the member be pleased to consider whether a boat-basin could be constructed in any other spot in Arattukadavu?

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MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): Yes.

Prescription of Text-Books in Malayalam and Tamil.

216. *MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): Will the Government be pleased to state on whose advice the Director of Public Instruction prescribed text-books in Malayalam and Tamil, from the list of books approved by the Text-Book Committee?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): The books were considered by the Director of Public Instruction personally in consultation with competent scholars within the Education Department.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know who these competent hands were?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): There were a number of them - mainly, Mr. A. Gopala Menon and Mr. V. Krishnan Tampi.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): Were they members of the Text-Book Committee?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): Yes.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know whether these members first recommended these books for a particular standard and afterwards they helped the Director to alter that standard?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): It is quite possible.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know whether, in the Text-Book Committee, they voiced forth dissenting opinions as to the standards for which books are prescribed?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): I do not quite follow the member; but I think the answer is 'no'.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): In that case, I would like to know whether that fact actually induced the Director to prescribe books for classes other than those for which they were approved by the Committee?

PRESIDENT: Instead of '*induced*' will you please say '*suggested*'?

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): Yes, Sir.

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): Probably; the answer shows that it was the instruction or suggestion of the Director that moved the members to alter the standard.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I take it that the Director it was that wanted them to alter the standard?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): The member cannot take it like that, I am afraid. The position was this. Books had to be carefully looked into and prescribed. Naturally, there were a number of them, even Arabic, French and Tamil books. It was after careful consideration and consultation that the books were prescribed.

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